

**REMARKS**

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**Paragraphs 1-3 of the Office Action**

5 Claims 1, 2, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 3,939,845 to Guidoni in view of U.S. Patent Number 4,121,305 to Kolker. Claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10 Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2 and 3. Based on the prior art references, it is believed that claim 1 is allowable over the prior art. Claims 4 and 5 depend from claim 1 and therefore are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

15 **Paragraph 4 of the Office Action**

Claim 8 is allowed.

**New Claim**

20 New claim 9 has been added to vary the scope of the claims. Claim 9 generally includes the limitations of claim 8 as well as further limitations regarding the bikini top. No new matter has been added and claim 9 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

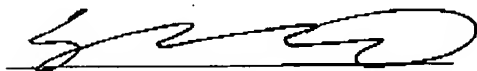
**CONCLUSION**

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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